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REDUCED FEES FOR HUNTING LICENSES IN
ITALIAN SOMALILAND.

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An effort is apparently being made by the Italian Government to induce big-game hunters to seek their sport in Italian Somaliland. A decree recently published in the Official Gazzette carries modifications of the tariff formerly applied relative to the cost of permits and hunting licenses, and the charges for the killing of single specimens of certain types of animals. The measure has the aspect of falling into line with the reductions that have occurred in practically every field as a result of the present depression, and with the efforts exerted by governmental agencies to augment as far as possible existing revenues.

The carrying of firearms is generally prohibited except when used for hunting by those in possession of a valid license. In the event that permission is granted, the tax is fixed in accordance with governmental decrees. The permits granted fall into three categories, all of which concern firearms with long barrels and involve licenses for the following:

- a) Ordinary hunting license....lire 200.
- b) Special license for big-game " 500.
- c) Licenses for colonists..... " 100.

The provisions for the payment of the necessary charges incident to obtaining a license for the categories enumerated require that it be made directly to the colonial authorities.

The fixed charges for the killing of animals by the holders of licenses in category (b) or (c) listed above are:

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a)	Elephants, first animal killed	2,500.
b)	" second animal killed	3,000.
c)	Rhinoceri, killing of a single animal	3,500.
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d) Hippopotomi, killing a single specimen	800
e) Common Zebras, killing a "	1,500
f) Buffalos, killing a single specimen	1,500
g) Ostriches, "	500

The payment of the sums required in each of the above categories is made by a direct remittance to the colonial administration.

Permits are also issued for the carrying of revolvers and pistols, and other arms necessary to personal defense upon the payment of a license fee of lire 40, but the remittance can be made in these cases according to districts in accordance with the provisions of the decree of October 2, 1924.

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